

What is claimed is:

1. Apparatus for the removal of accumulated material comprising
- an elongated control member;
 - a curved scoop having an edge attached to said control member; and
 - means for facilitating the movement of said curved scoop over a surface having said accumulated material;
- wherein a strut mechanism extends from said elongated control member to said curved scoop over the curvature thereof and the facilitating means is attached thereto.
2. Apparatus as defined in claim 1 wherein the facilitating means comprises a rotational member attached to said scoop.
3. Apparatus as defined in claim 1 wherein the facilitating means comprises
- said strut mechanism positioned against said control member at a location displaced from the attachment of said scoop to said control member; and
 - means for attaching said strut mechanism to said scoop.
4. Apparatus as defined in claim 2 wherein said scoop has a lower edge displaced from said elongated control member and said rotational member is attached to said lower edge.
5. Apparatus as defined in claim 3 wherein said strut

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mechanism ~~com~~ oppositely positioned ~~a~~ contacting
said control member.

4/6. Apparatus as defined in claim ³/₄ wherein a plurality
of rotational members are attached at said lower edge.

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7. Apparatus as defined in claim 2 wherein said rotational member comprises a wheel.

8.6 Apparatus as defined in claim 5 wherein said wheel is attached to said scoop by a shaft extending therefrom to an axle for said wheel.

9. Apparatus as defined in claim 3 wherein said strut mechanism comprises oppositely positioned arms contacting said control member and rotational members are connected to said arms.

10. Apparatus as defined in claim 1 wherein said scoop has a curvature which extends laterally in relation to said control member perpendicular to the direction of elongation of said control member.

11. Apparatus as defined in claim 1 further including an extension member connected to said control member.

12. Apparatus as defined in claim 1 for the removal of accumulated material wherein

said control member is an elongated tube;

said control member is attached to a curved scoop by a tube clamp which arcuately contacts said elongated tube and is connected to a flange portion of said scoop;

said strut mechanism comprises a plurality of members each including a foot, a leg and an arm with each arm positioned against said elongated tube at a location displaced from said tube clamp and each foot secured to said scoop.

13. A method for removing accumulated material which comprises the steps of

(a) providing a curved scoop with a control member attached to said scoop over the curvature thereof; and

(b) moving said curved scoop over a surface having said accumulated material by a strut mechanism having separated feet attached to said scoop with means for facilitating the movement of said scoop positioned beyond and under the leading edge of said scoop;

thereby to guard against hitting roof screws and nails.

14. The method of claim 13 further including the step of positioning a strut mechanism against said control member without connection thereto and attaching said strut mechanism to said scoop.

15. The method of claim 11 wherein a wheel is attached to said curved scoop for facilitating the movement thereof.

~~16. The method of removing accumulated material from a deposit position, comprising the steps of~~

~~(a) positioning a scoop near the accumulated material;~~

~~(b) moving said scoop at an elevated position over the accumulated material; and~~

~~(c) moving said scoop against said accumulated material without engaging a surface on which said accumulated material has been deposited.~~

17. The method of claim 16 wherein said scoop is moved at an elevated position by means engaging said surface.

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20. The method of claim 17 further including the steps of (a) positioning a curved scoop, suspended from a control member, at the edge of a roof near accumulated moisture in frozen condition; and (b) supplementing said control member by an extension that allows a movement action parallel to the surface of said roof.

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